IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit

Customer No.: 035811

Docket No.: JFE-05-1735

Confirmation No.:

Examiner

Serial No.

Filed : Herewith

PCT No. : PCT/JP2004/008509 PCT Filed : June 10, 2004

Inventors : June 10, 2004

Should be supported in the support of t

: Toyohisa Shinmiya: Shigeru Endo

: Ryuji Muraoka

Title : LOW YIELD RATIO, HIGH STRENGTH,

: HIGH TOUGHNESS, THICK STEEL: PLATE AND WELDED STEEL PIPE,: AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING

: THE SAME

Dated: December 7, 2005

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PCT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks: